Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(*a*) Permission has been granted for the extraction of the softwood species to the following industries from the State forest area :—

Plywood Industries	...	9
Match Wood Industry	...	3
Packing Case Industries	...	4
Slate Frame Industry	...	1

The quantity of timber actually extracted by each company varies from year to year, depending upon the availability of the trees within the areas annually exploited.

Uniform rate in respect of all the softwood species are charged to all the Companies in respect of each wood based industry which varies from Rs. 33 to Rs. 143-75 per CMT depending upon the species and the industrial use concerned.

(*b*) Out of the various companies extracting softwood timbers (as noted above) all the companies except two have got their factories stiuated within the State. Western India Plywoods Ltd., Baliapatam and Western India Match Co., Bombay have got their factories outside the State at Baliapatam in Kerala State and at Madras and Bombay respectively.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No. Government has already taken action to get all utilisable softwood timbers by the various industries by releasing such timbers at a uniform concession rate of Rs. 17-50 per cubic metre. In case, any avoidable wastage of such timbers is brought to the notice of the Government suitable action will be taken in the matter.

(*e*) Yes, a few requests have been received which are being attended to.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Next item—calling attention to matters of urgent public importance.

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) re : *Failure of Students in 8th and 9th Standards at Government High School Holenarsipur.*

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA (Holenarsipur).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to the failure of students of Government Girls High School, Holenarasipur in VIII and IX standard examinations.

† **Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA** (Minister for Education).—I wish to make the following statement :

In 8th Standard in Government Girls High School, Holenarasipur, Hassan District, 150 candidates had taken up annual examination. Out of them, 73 secured minimum marks required for a pass and 77 candidates failed. The percentage of pass worked out to 48. In 9th Standard, out of 117 candidates, 74 got through the examination successfully. The percentage of pass here was 63.25. Only 43 candidates failed in the 9th Standard examination.

Both in 8th and 9th Standards, candidates who were detained had secured poor marks and there was no possibility of moderating the marks. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction has enquired into the matter and it is stated that the reason for the poor percentage of pass in the 8th and 9th Standards was due to the poor performance of the candidates.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ಇಂದು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಫೇಲಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪೂರ್ ಪರ್‌ಫಾರ್ಮೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಾರಣವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ಅವರು ಫೇಲಾಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇ ಬೇರೆ. ಕೇವಲ ಒಂದು ಸಬ್ಜೆಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಫೇಲಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಬಾಕಿ ಸಬ್ಜೆಕ್ಟ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇಕಡ 70—75 ರಷ್ಟು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಮಾರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ತೆಗೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವರು ಯಾವ ಸಬ್‌ಜಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಫೇಲಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರಲ್ಲಿ ಟ್ಯೂಷನ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಆಪಾದನೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಪರ್ಪಸ್ಲಿ ಫೇಲ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದರೂ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಹೋಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಇಂತಹ ಒಂದು ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಕಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಆಹುತಿ ಆಗಬಾರದು. ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರ ಒಂದು ಒಳಜಗಳ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಇಂತಹ ಒಂದು ದುಷ್ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿರಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ನನಗೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರು ವಿನಾಕಾರಣ ತಮ್ಮ ಹತ್ತಿರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಟ್ಯೂಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಅವರನ್ನು ಫೇಲ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಚಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಮಾಡಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಕ್ಕ ರಿಲೀಫನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲೇ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—I appreciate the concern of the hon. member. In view of what the hon. member has stated I shall see that due consideration is given and enquiries made in the matter.

(ii) re : *Capitation fee Collection by the Medical College at Gulbarga run by the Hyderabad Karnatak Education Society.*

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the collection of huge capitation fee from students seeking admission in the Medical College at Gulbarga run by the Hydrabad Karnatak Education Society.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—The Hyderabad-Karnatak Education Society, which is a Society registered under the Mysore Societies' Registration Act, 1960, owns the Hyderabad Karnatak